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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for a Grant for the Continuous Improvement and Monitoring System Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004)

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004), requires state education agencies to develop and implement a monitoring and enforcement system. The Continuous Improvement and Monitoring System (CIMS) is the department's monitoring system. In addition, this grant supports related improvement activities relative to corrective actions and program improvements.

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In addition, further strategies and activities may be developed or improved as a result of the Department's current involvement in federal and statewide Focused Monitoring under the IDEA (2004).

Criteria for this grant are presented in the attachment.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve criteria for a grant to support the Continuous Improvement and Monitoring System development and implementation activities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) as identified in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 26, 2007.

Attachment

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**Criteria for a Grant for the Continuous Improvement and Monitoring System Under
the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004)**

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students." In addition, the State Board has adopted the following five Strategic Initiatives to implement the goal:

- Ensuring Excellent Educators
- Elevating Educational Leadership
- Embracing the Information Age
- Ensuring Early Childhood Literacy
- Integrating Communities and Schools

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will include priority consideration of the Strategic Goal and the Strategic Initiatives.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

☒ Competitive ☐ Formula ☐ New ☐ Continuation

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LEGISLATION

Section 616 of IDEA delineates the obligation of state education agencies to implement monitoring, enforcement, and sanctions relative to the implementation of the statute and its implementing regulations. State education agencies have the responsibility to develop and implement such systems as part of their general supervision responsibilities. This grant will support the continued implementation of these obligations.

[34 CFR 300.600] [20 U.S.C. 1416(a)]

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RATIONALE FOR CRITERIA

This grant is intended to support the development and implementation of the CIMS, to assure monitoring and program accountability.

CRITERIA

- ☐ Defined in Legislation ☒ Defined in Department's Grant
☐ Proposed by Staff

The Grantee will primarily be responsible for facilitating access to and services of specialists, experts, and/or staff with unique services necessary for the development and implementation of the CIMS. The Grantee, as fiscal agent, will coordinate services and activities through the Project Director and Grant Manager at the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services (OSE/EIS). The following objectives are specific to the implementation of this grant:

1. Implement fiscal support for selected services and activities related to the CIMS initiative as identified by the OSE/EIS.
2. Provide access to technical assistance and consultation for advisory teams, referent groups, grantees, contractors, districts, and staff, as necessary, to develop and implement identified improvement activities.
3. Provide compliance reporting and analysis for the purposes of documenting general supervision authority as required under the IDEA.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants include: Intermediate school districts, local education agencies, including public school academies, institutions of higher education, professional organizations, private profit and non-profit organizations, including parent and advocacy organizations, and others with a demonstrated experience in providing the services requested, are encouraged to submit a proposal.

TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Students with disabilities and the adults who support them (including teachers, support services personnel, administrators, and parents) will be served by the development and implementation of the CIMS.

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TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

Up to \$2,750,000 is available in federal funds under Part B of the IDEA allocation to Michigan for FY 2007-2008, as identified in the approved spending plan for Michigan. Funding for up to five years will be available contingent upon successful delivery of grant specifications and availability of federal funds.

OFFICE ADMINISTERING GRANT/PROGRAM CONTACT

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